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On both sides of the Andes the engineers have had to contend against great natural obstacles incidental to the ascent of the mountains. The grades of the railroad are necessarily very steep in this region, the rise for a considerable distance being more than 420 feet to the mile. Comparatively speaking, the work in Argentina has been much less difficult than in Chile, where the Andes present an almost precipitous front to the Pacific. Before entering the mountains the railway in Argentina sweeps like a parallel of latitude for miles and miles across great steppes and over broad rivers. Even after leaving Mendoza, 630 miles from Buenos Ayres, construction is fairly easy for a distance of about eighty miles. At this point the road begins to follow the valley of the River Mendoza, a mountain stream which, with tributaries, drains the melting snows of the summits and is subject to sudden rises and treacherous variations. The floor of the valley presents a series of terraces and, so far as possible, the railway is built on the favorable ground afforded by these terraces, cutting through the rock when necessary and even running

on a part of the river bed itself. At about 100 miles from Mendoza the ground begins to rise sharply, and thereafter to the entrance of the great tunnel the engineers have to employ a rack rail similar to those on the Harz and other mountain roads.

When completed the Transandine railway will rank as one of the highest, if not the highest, of the world's railroads. Even in its undisturbed state it has attained an altitude seldom reached by transportation companies. It is already proving valuable as a transcontinental route, and every summer—that is to say, from November to April—between five and six thousand people avail themselves of it, being carried over the uncompleted section by mule caravans, which traverse the Andes by the Cumbre pass at an elevation of 13,015 feet. The total length of the railway will be 871 miles. The value of the road can hardly be overestimated. It may truly be said that it will be the highway from the west coast republics of South America to Europe. It will shorten the time between Australia and Europe six to eight days, and it is believed that so soon as the service has been properly organized the Transandine railway will be utilized for the transportation of freight and mails from Oceania to North America and Europe. The statement is made that one of its most immediate results will be the establishment of a fast steamship service between New York and Buenos Ayres, in which event trade between the two great continents of the western hemisphere will be greatly accelerated.

The chief importance of the road, from a southern South American standpoint, will lie in the opening up of the great River Plate valley, the productivity of which seems to be without limit. It is interesting to know that the railroad is built under the watchful eyes of engineers from this country and that American capital is invested in it.

WOMEN AND FASHION

Men Are to Blame.
It is customary for those who deplore the tendencies of modern life to put all the blame for everything that is wrong upon women, but Mrs. Russell Sage takes a different view of the matter. In an article in *The Club Woman* she holds the American man responsible, in a great degree, for modern American restlessness and homelessness.

"We hear little nowadays of the obligations of the father to his children," says Mrs. Sage. "The modern father is not like the Scotchman of Philadelphia, who said, 'I do my share in caring for these seven children.' On the contrary, the modern father says: 'Let the nurse take care of the children. We will go to the park.'"

The paternal instinct is not strongly developed in the average man. He must be diverted, and the woman, instead of being a helpmate to her husband, becomes a provider of amusement. No part of the day or week is set aside wherein fathers may become acquainted with their children. The Sabbath is given over to a mind seeking after excitement. When their father comes home in the evening the children are in bed. The strain upon the wife is great, and many dangerous experiments are made to comply with this demand of the men for amusement. The watchfulness which a careful mother should give to her home and children is expended on the selfishness of one man—the father! It is this attitude of the father which is a serious menace to home life.

Club life and apartments Mrs. Sage also mentions as partly responsible for the passing of the home. "The apartment," she says, "is really the solution of a knotty problem brought about by the topographical formation of our metropolises and the enormous increase in population, but it nevertheless makes real home life almost impossible. It is difficult to find an apartment of moderate cost that is large enough for a sanitary point of view. All rooms are on the floor. The child cannot be isolated from the mother, and the latter cannot obtain the necessary rest which is imperative to her well-being."

"This problem of space is not solved; even in the country. I know one mother who finds it very difficult to secure a summer home near the city, where the accommodations for the family and the five maids are sufficiently healthful and comfortable. She will not deem the maids to hot attic chambers and an abundance of mosquitoes."

The servant problem Mrs. Sage mentions as an effect and not a cause. The growing desire on the part of women to free themselves from household cares and their consequent neglect of the duties of the mistress have created the servant problem, in her opinion.

And all these things are visited on the heads of the children. They are left more and more to the care of servants. They receive no moral training. And as for manners, there are not enough to be worth mentioning to-day. Neither does the school supply this lack. The intellect is fed, and there is no time left for moral training or the teaching of manners.

Taking Care of Your Clothes.
In considering your winter wardrobe do not lay too much stress upon the money-saving qualities of the general utility gown. It is economy in the end not to overwork one frock. Keep your street costume exclusively for the purpose for which it was designed. Don't wear it in the house. Don't be tempted to make it serve duty for both street and home wear. If you do, before the season is over you will surely find that your skirt is worn and shabby, while your coat has still kept much of its original freshness. This just means that the most smart effect of your street frock is lost. No matter how well the coat looks, a shabby skirt provides the touch that makes the costume as a whole appear worn.

On the other hand, by saving the street costume for outdoor wear exclusively, being careful to brush it, air it and to keep both the coat and skirt on their own special hangers, there are nine chances out of ten that the costume will not only keep its original good looks straight to the end of the season, but will be in fair condition to put on next year.—Woman's Home Companion.

A Baited Opera Bag.
The pink silk foundation of this dainty opera bag is covered with fine lace net. A single piece forms the sides and bottom, and for each end a smaller piece—rounded at the lower part—was fitted in. The seams are finished with narrow gold braid.

The all fur hats are confined to the smallest shapes, such as the English walking turban, all of fur, with a cluster of roses at the left side.

Every skirt except the severe tailor skirt will have a fullness at the waist. Horizontal trimmings are in favor, pointing out the hips and vertical lines.

A continental shape of French beaver is trimmed simply with a big rosette of valencienne lace and quills. It is a hat appropriate for the streets.

Flat shoes and polka shoes are to be

much worn, and in muffs the flat shape will be the most fashionable, though deniers are trying to get up some new-shaped affair for the wear of exclusive.

A Little Hat, made of grapes and foliage, all in the green shades, is pretty ornamented with white shirred green unline, caught in the back with an ornament.

Women Who Have Won.
Though totally blind, Miss Della Pittsford, of Selma, Ind., has practical charge of a large Sunday school class and of the choir of a leading church. She also does considerable literary work and is a skillful typewriter.

Mrs. Mary J. Tillmuth has served continuously as police matron for thirteen years in Providence, R. I. She is on duty from 6:30 a. m. to 6:30 p. m., when she is relieved by the night matron. During the past year over 1,200 women and girls and over 1,000 boys have come under her charge and influence.

A Chicago woman, Miss Florence Cole, has had sent her by the Princess of Wales a beautiful photograph of herself and the prince, framed in Austrian sandal wood. Miss Cole first met the Prince and Princess of Wales when visiting Melbourne, at a luncheon given by Lady Tennison. Being an authority on jewelry culture and likewise an accomplished artist in water color, in both of which the Princess of Wales is proficient, Miss Cole made a particularly favorable impression on the royal guests, who expressed their pleasure in meeting a young woman interested in her hobbies.

The first woman painter to receive an order from the German government is said to be Fraulein Grete Winkler, who decorated the hall of the German building at the Paris Exposition, and who was also commissioned to furnish paintings for the St. Louis Exposition. These last are four in

number in the hall of mines and metallurgy, two representing the mines of Konigsbutter in Silesia and two views of the Krupp plant. Another painting of the educational building shows the famous Berlin thoroughfare, "Unter den Linden."

Health and Beauty Hints.
Celery is good for nervousness, being considered a nerve stimulant.

For flatulency there is no better remedy than a teaspoonful of glycerol after each meal.

"Drink all the water you want between meals, but none with your food," is the latest cure for obesity.

Grapes and raisins are nourishing and fattening, and apples eaten daily insure clear, bright complexions.

Vaseline will darken and increase the growth of the eyelashes and eyebrows. It should be heated a little and applied with a small camel's hair brush.

Nail lifting can be cured by will power alone in older people, as it comes from nervousness. With children dip the ends of the fingers in quinine or a little extract of quinine.

In case of fainting lay the person flat on the back, keep the people at a distance so the sufferer will have plenty of fresh air, sprinkle the face with water and apply spirits of ammonia to the nose.

Courtesy in Tibet.
Courtesy as conducted in Tibet would scarcely arouse the enthusiasm of the western girl. Bargaining between the suitor and the father of the girl goes on for weeks without any reference to the wishes of the woman. The requisite price having been paid, she is led to the house of her husband, where she is subjected to a severe beating in order properly to humble her spirit and made to run round the village loudly proclaiming the merits and valor of her husband, meanwhile touching those objects which are supposed to have a potent influence over her welfare.

Women's Smart Sweaters.
The worsted sweaters of this season are very smart. They come in all colors: some have blouse fronts and fitted belts; others are in Norfolk style, with belt and straps; these are very stylish. Some are made with collar, others without.

SERMONS

The Christian Life.—It is the duty of Christians to so live their lives as to attract the interest of those with whom they come in contact. Their lives should be so molded as to exert over those who might observe them an influence to draw them closer to the life of sanctity.—Rev. C. O. Bosserman, Lutheran, Harrisburg, Pa.

Noise and Gossip.—A modest competence is nowadays nothing accounted of. To make a living is not enough; to achieve comfort for self and family is a small thing; men aim and toll and struggle for more dazzling prizes—a success that makes a noise and is talked of; that glitters and dazzles the eyes.—Rev. R. F. Alsop, Episcopalian, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Cause of Failure.—Many men have been failures, because they had not the conviction of their own strength. Often when a person sets out to do a thing a word of encouragement will help them much. But the word of encouragement does not give the strength; there must also be the conviction of strength.—Rev. B. E. Green, Baptist, Duluth, Minn.

The Struggle.—History has been a struggle between two types of religion—one which makes the Deity a condescension, and the other which makes Him a sovereign. The time is come for some stout open denying of these superstitious notions, which have gathered like barnacles about Christianity.—The Rev. W. B. Thorp, Congregationalist, Chicago, Ill.

The Home.—In the home there should be more altars of prayer. Many are tumbled down and need repairing. There is a wonderful power attached to the earnest prayer of a parent, and the home that has its altar for family devotion is apt to be a home of happiness, for God's blessing will rest upon that home.—Rev. L. M. Zimmerman, Lutheran, Baltimore, Md.

Pastor and People.—There are two things which belong to the church as sovereign principles. First, a true gospel pastor who teaches the Word in truth and purity and administers the holy sacraments according to divine institutions; second, a faithful congregation who will receive the Word as the Word of God.—Rev. C. F. Berger, Lutheran, Washington, D. C.

Answer to Prayer.—Because every prayer does not receive an objective answer some people deny the value of prayer altogether. That is like denying the worth of agriculture because some gardens fail to return the desired harvest. There are certain laws to be obeyed and conditions to be complied with if prayer or the planting are to avail much.—Rev. W. H. McGlaughlin, Universalist, Atlanta, Ga.

The Church.—The church is an organization formed to promote religion. We belong to the church because we believe that it is the work of Jesus and we want to do His work in His way. If the church were blotted out for two years in New York you and I could not live here. The church is essential even to the external well-being of the community, but it is not religion itself.—Rev. Lyman Abbott, Congregationalist, Brooklyn, N. Y.

The Universe.—Only the Almighty could design the universe. Architecture is a science to be acquired under the instruction of one who has mastered this branch of learning and is therefore able to impart it to others. Designing a dwelling is possible because there are those who have been instructed in the art. Designing the universe is possible only to God, since no other has been or is able to suggest a plan on such a scope and grandeur.—Rev. C. L. Palmer, Episcopalian, Kingston, N. Y.

The Strenuous Life.—The stress and strain of our modern life has become almost unbearable. Men are the tools of their tools, and the playthings of their playthings. They are enslaved by their wants and desires, and all the while tantalized by the sense that there must be some possibility of relief. Between the life that is ordinarily lived and that which might be, there is a greater contrast than between the oppressive heat of these summer days and the cool breezes of the ocean.—Rev. B. F. Mills, Evangelist, Los Angeles, Cal.

Duty.—It is this sense of duty which calls upon you and upon me, which guides you and guides me, which pushes you and pushes me to do the thing we do not want to, to stand in the strain, to lift heavy burdens, to go without the comforts, to seek weariness and not rest, sweat and not sleep, that is the greatest gift of God to us, because it makes of us creators with God, makers of something, and through this making we prove our divinity, we establish our kinship with God, we are indeed the children of God.—Rev. J. L. Jones, Independent, Chicago, Ill.

Heavenly Japan.—The most careful and painstaking study of the Japanese brings out these things to their discredit in private, social and public life. They are the most shamelessly immoral people on the face of the globe. Japan is today the world's greatest brothel, where virtue is treated as a commodity for merchandise, the same as the gaudy trinkets which they turn out to be sold in every curio establishment in the world. Japan is heathen to its heart's core, and has no thought or desire to be anything else.—Rev. B. R. Donohoe, Presbyterian, Pittsburg, Pa.

O a for.

"I understand that you went to Bligh to borrow money."

"Yes," answered the amiable but imprudent man.

"What's the trouble? Have I ever refused you anything?"

"No."

"Then why didn't you come to me?"

JUST BEAR WITH ME.

Just bear with me, my friend.
Full oft I've failed to say
The word of cheer that might have
waked
To melody your day.

Just bear with me, whoever
The word I say is wrong.
Think of the love that after all
Beats for you, true and strong.

Just bear with me—and try
To give me of your faith:
The faith that lightens life,
And bridges even death.

—Margaret E. Sangster in Every Where.

DREAMS OF YESTERDAY.

SHE was a pretty dimpled little creature, with big blue eyes and a mass of fluffy yellow hair. She had had two seasons in "stock"—a small round company—had received good notices, and had come to New York full of hope and high ambition.

She had spent weeks in tramping Broadway, seeking an engagement. In and out of offices she had wandered, and had met from managers and agents everywhere the same answer, "Nothing open." Sometimes, indeed, the reply varied, and she was told to "come next week."

When, with hope renewed, she went in "next week," there was still "nothing open—call again."

Wearily and sick at heart, one day, she turned her steps toward Lexington Avenue, and her "top floor back." Reaching her room, she threw herself on the bed and sobbed. It was the first time she had given way, but as she thought of a little cottage in the country, and the mother and father to whom she tried to write bright, hopeful letters, the tears would come.

Another picture rose before her, too. Ted's picture, and with it came the memory of that spring day, so long ago. It seemed, when they had gathered violets together and he had said, "I love you, Kitty," and had asked her to be his wife. She could see now the bright face so near her own, could see the merry brown eyes looking so eagerly into hers, as he begged her to say yes to his pleading. And she, thinking only of the fame she meant to win, had laughed at him. Now, she thought, it would seem good to see Ted again, for she really loved him down in her faithful little heart.

Some one rapped on her door, and in response to her "Come" the landlady entered. "Here's a letter for you, Miss Burns, and the boy says it's most important." The letter bore the signature of a well-known manager, upon whom she had recently called and read thus:

"Miss Katherine Burns—Dear Madam: Kindly come to my office at once. Important."

When, garbed in her prettiest gown and with all traces of tears removed, Kitty entered the office, the manager looked at her approvingly, noting every point of her fresh, girlish beauty and dainty attire, and inwardly said, "You'll do."

Aloud he said: "Miss Burns, my leading woman in 'King's Houses,' is seriously ill, and I have decided to let you try the part. Though I've never seen you yet I have faith in you, because you have faith in yourself. You certainly look the part of Constance. Now please read her lines for me."

What Need is there to tell of Kitty's New York debut?

What need to tell how she went on and on, from triumph to triumph, until she reached the pinnacle of fame? Men and women of place and power, in this country and abroad, even those of royal blood, bowed before her beauty and talent and were proud to call her friend.

It was the opening night of the King's new theater in London. All London, including the king himself, was present to do honor to the great American actress, who was to create the title role of "Deronda," the much talked of new play.

In her dressing room sat Katherine holding in her hand a letter. She had read it many times, and now it must be answered to-night, but how?

The man who had written it had offered her everything this world can give, even a ducal coronet, and a name 500 years old. Why did she hesitate? Because she had seen that day in the Royal Academy a picture by a rising young American artist, Theodore Cole, a country lane, a boy and a girl gathering violets, the boy's grave, brown eyes gazing pleadingly into the girl's laughing blue ones; and as she looked, Kitty again heard Ted's voice, "Dear little blue eyes, I'll wait for you. You will come back to me, I know you will." Was he waiting still, she wondered, and was the picture done in memory of that spring day? If not—then the ducal coronet, and the past forgotten. If he were waiting for her, then—Ted, oh, Ted! she cried, and awoke to find herself in her "top floor back" on Lexington Avenue, but Ted, dear old Ted, was bending over her.

"You've had a good, long nap, Kitty, haven't you? I've been waiting here half an hour. Your landlady sent me up, and I rapped and rapped, but couldn't make you hear, so came right in. What were you dreaming about, little girl? You almost frightened me just now, calling me so loud."

"Oh, Ted, I've had such a dream. I was a great actress, and you a rising artist. You painted a picture of our

old country lane, with you and me gathering violets. I saw it in the academy in London, and I wanted you so much; even though I was so famous, I wanted just you, and wondered if you were waiting for me to come back to you. Then I called your name, and awoke."

"Little Blue Eyes, will you come back to me now? Let the fame and fortune be one of the dreams of yesterday, both for you and me. Sweetheart, come back to the old country lane and the violets, and let us both be happy. Will you, dear?"

"Ted, dear, take me home.—Indianapolis Sun.

A Mean Trick.
A mean trick was played by two young fellows on a neighbor who had a liking for flute music.

"What say you?" said one. "Let us hire a hand-organ to play for several hours in front of his house?"

"Agreed!" replied the other. The hand-organ, of a very squeaky tone, was hired, and hour after hour doled out a mournful tune in front of the residence of the gentleman, who, much to the disgust of the two young men, gave no sign of being annoyed. The organ-grinder had received the sum agreed upon for the work, while the two young men had watched the proceedings very intently from a neighboring doorway. The postman passed them at length and was let into the secret.

"The gentleman for whom you are giving this entertainment will not appreciate the joke," said the postman.

"And why not?" asked one of the jokers.

"Because his family and himself left home early this morning for a trip to Scotland!"

What Worried Him.
She—But, pa, he says he can't live without me. Pa—But the question is whether he can live without me.—New York Press.

No artist can paint a self-made man as big as he thinks he is.



Flashlight portraiture is now coming rapidly to the front, having been recently so improved that it is possible to obtain results almost impossible by any other means, and is being used by the most up-to-date artists with great success as a means of reproducing nature in its truest form, because with this artificial light the greatest amount of detail possible may be obtained, sittings made either day or night, and with a little practice plates are always fully timed and timed alike, thus enabling one to develop several at once with the same results, as if each were developed separately and also because it is instantaneous, it is very fine for children.

The first thing to be taken into consideration is the lamp, which should be either of electric or alcohol style, and so arranged as to be instantaneous and operated in connection with the shutter, and to accomplish this I have my shutter set so to close as bulb is released with the bulb connected at one end to the lamp and the other to the shutter, and let me say, always have plenty of hose, so that by squeezing same the flash is made, the shutter opened and then closed when released, which should be done at once if operating in daylight. If at night, the shutter part may be dispensed with, the shutter being opened just before the flash and closed soon after, lamp-light not affecting a plate unless directly in front; in fact, the more light in a room the better, as by this means the flash is not noticed as much and better exposures are obtained. Then the placing of the lamp is very important, and should be as near the subject as possible, and the light should strike at an angle of about 45 degrees, so that the shadow formed will fall down instead of on the background. Avoid placing light too far in front, as the shadows are very seldom too heavy, and it avoids fatness also with properly timed plates. I also use a screen of white cloth, placed perpendicular to the angle of light, between my flash and the sitter, thus spreading the light and not requiring as much powder as otherwise, and softer effects are obtained.

Some plates are more sensitive to artificial light than others, so in deciding amount of powder can be prescribed, but a little experience will enable anyone to use the required amount.—Photo Times.



stitched with black silk, and across the net on the bottom of the bag black silk is worked in a series of little diamond-shaped designs. A bit of Lorient embroidery is applied on the front of the bag, to which a few, elder gage the finishing touches in the shape of a handsome good mounting.

Home-Made Toilet Creams.
Which Hazel Cold Cream.—Melt one ounce each of white wax and spermaceti with one pint of oil of almonds,

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GRAYLING, THURSDAY, DEC. 29.

Local and Neighborhood News.

Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Wright gave a small dinner, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Bates entertained Monday evening.

Dr. and Mrs. Woodworth entertained fifteen for luncheon Monday noon.

Mr. and Mrs. Marius Hanson entertained a family party of eight for Christmas dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Trumbley gave a fashionable breakfast, Monday morning at 10:30.

Dr. Insley and wife entertained Monday, and have Miss Ragen visiting them during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Jerome entertained Mr. Chas. Trumbley and family and Mrs. H. Stevens of Bay City.

The Presbyterian Church was crowded to its doors last Saturday evening, for the Christmas tree and festivities, provided for the Sabbath school children. The program of recitation and music by the little ones was enjoyable and praiseworthy, and the distribution of pop corn and candy, with the many personal presents, filled many a young heart with joy long to be remembered.

The interesting and delightful series of cooking articles, Florida Dinners, is continued in the January "Twentieth Century Home." The magazine is just finishing the first year of its existence. Its success has been phenomenal, for it has entered a field in which there was a real want to be filled—a magazine for women with real purposes in their lives.

The Goodfellowship Club, which met with Mrs. Bates last Tuesday evening, adjourned for the 9th day of January to meet with Mrs. Benkelman.

The club is now one of the recognized clubs of the state, having recently joined the federation, sending Miss Lou Williams as delegate to the convention at Bay City, and who brought home a very fine report of the proceedings.

We have not in the past adhered strictly to our rule of subscriptions being paid in advance, and the amount now delinquent, added to subscriptions which will mature in the next sixty days will give us enough money to build an office that will meet our wishes and be an ornament to the village. Will our friends hustle a little and see that we get it? It is but a dollar or two for each of you, but the aggregate will make a snug sum for us to use.

"The Cosmopolitan" is running a series of the "Great Industries of the United States" which is an unusual interest. The January issue describes the manufacture of musical instruments, and most people will be surprised to learn of the magnitude of this important business of the country. Very interesting pictures especially taken for this article accompany the text.

Our business men, and citizens generally will regret to learn that the M. C. R. has taken from us Mr. E. P. Vandewater, and sent him to the Owosso City office. It may be a good thing for him, but we do not like to lose him or his family from our midst. It will be a loss to our business men, and a greater loss to society especially to the church with which they are associated. He will be succeeded by L. Herrick from West Branch, who comes to us so recommended as will warrant him a welcome.

State Deputy Tresspass Agent Meyers, who has been stationed here the past two years, returned from his old home at Hillsdale last Tuesday bringing with him his son who has been teaching school there. His health gave out and being unable to resume his duties, returned home with his father, who on going to his room found him lying on the floor unconscious, suffering from a paralytic stroke. At last accounts he was still unconscious. Otsego Co. Champion.

Bro. Ward, of the Roscommon News, with a goodly number of the rural editors of the state, has exhibited his good business sense in determining to advance his subscription price, with his next issue to \$1.50 per year. The great advance in paper and all printing material and labor fully justifies it, and in fact the reduction made a few years ago was not justifiable on business principles, and would not have been done but for the fear of competition by the cheap city weeklies, which time has proven to be unfounded, as they can never take the place of the home paper.

One of the big freight engines was left standing at the coal dock Thursday evening, after coaling up, and started toward the roundhouse of her own accord. A coal heaver was on the tender but did not know how to stop the machine, and she ran onto the turntable and went into the pit, squarely on her side. The man was severely injured and will probably die. The steam wrecker is here today, Wednesday, but makes slow work in raising the monster.

Rev. S. P. Todd, who occupied the pulpit at the Presbyterian church a week ago last Sunday, is a scholarly gentleman of large experience in ministerial labor, and it was pleasant to have him here. He is now devoting his time to the interests of Alma College, which has taken its place in the front rank of educational institutions of our state, and offers many advantages to the young man or woman who desires to fit themselves for any branch of business. Many have conceived the idea that the work is on a par with that of the ministry, but it is a different thing, and better for the young man or woman who is not called to the ministry, to have a liberal education, and then to enter the ministry, than to enter the ministry without a liberal education. His commercial school is second to none, and covers every branch with competent instruction. There are seventy-five scholarships to be given out every year which go to high school pupils and gives them every literary advantage of the college. They must have had an average standing of 90 in their school for the previous year, or have been at the head of their class, and of good moral character. Athletics is given a prominent place and Alma ranks first, its football team having won the state championship twice, in the last three years. If interested write Pies. A. F. Burske, Alma, Mich.

The Farmers' Institute.

We had written a full report of the proceedings of the Farmers' Institute last week, for the first day and evening which we are unable to find in the pages of our office, and as we were not present Tuesday, and the Secretary has not sent in any report, we can only give a brief summary.

The attendance on Monday was not more than twenty, but the lack in numbers was well supplemented by the interest of those who were present.

The subject of "Tillage, how, when and why," and the "Importance of Seed Selection," were presented by Prof. J. A. Jeffrey, of the M. A. C., and P. B. Reynolds, of Otsego spoke on "Peanut and Clover" and "Fruit, and how to take care of it." Mrs. C. M. Parck, of Armada, gave a breezy talk on the subject of "Chickens and Children."

The discussion and questions by our farmers were pointed, and exhibited their knowledge of the several subjects and the desire for more.

The evening at the M. E. Church had a larger attendance, but not a quarter that should have been there.

The address of Mrs. Parck, "Education of our Boys and Girls," was listened to with great pleasure, as was also Prof. Jeffrey on the "Farm Home," and Mr. Reynolds on the subject of "Organization for Farmers."

The attendance for Tuesday was considerable better and the enthusiasm increased. The program as published was fully completed.

Having no report we are unable at this time to give the names of the officers elected.

As is usually the case the Women's section was an unqualified success both in attendance and in the subjects presented. The ladies says Mrs. Parck was an inspiration on "Making House-keeping Easy," and the paper read by Mrs. S. N. Insley, "Mother as a Nurse" was filled with so much that all mothers ought to know, and which so few do know that it ought to be made a text book for compulsory education in that line. The reading and recitations by Mesdames Osborne and Faneck were excellent, both in selection and rendition, and the discussions most helpful to all.

It is hoped that an other year may bring renewed interest in the institute work for it is one of the great helps to agricultural advancement.

Doings of The State Grange.

EDITOR AVAILANCE.

You may or you may not be looking for a report from me of the State Grange last week. As so much of my time was occupied in obtaining what information I could in each locality, and as the official reports are now out, it will be much better to depend upon them.

I desire at this time to call the attention of the farmers of Crawford county to the raising of Clover seed. Reports from the county of Otsego show the crop of this year to be without precedent, some pieces yielding as high as 12½ bushels per acre. I received this report direct from a delegate and it is reliable.

I have traveled all over that county and find the conditions as to soil, climate, etc., very identical with that Crawford county, and there is no reason why what is possible in Otsego county should not be possible in Crawford county. I saw last fall a number of patches of clover seed left, which would have furnished seed for the farm. The want of a huller has discouraged farmers in the past. There is a huller in the county now, and there is no reason why farmers should not raise their own seed and have some to spare. A large portion of northern grown seed will be sold to Patrons through the Grange Bureau of information, thereby securing to them a superior quality of seed at first cost.

I was sorry, indeed, to see the Avalanche in ruins, and I sincerely hope it may, like Phoenix, arise from the ashes imbued with new life and vigor,

and continue its work in promoting the interests and welfare of the citizens of Crawford county.

FREQUENT ITEMS.

Nice slick streets.

Glad to see the AVAILANCE on its feet again.

Mrs. Murry, of Richmondville, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. C. H. O'Neill.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis spent Christmas with her mother in Saginaw.

Mrs. Lottie Inglis and lady friend of Pinconning, is visiting the former's mother and sister.

Grandma Comer has returned to her home in Bay City.

Mrs. Banghart, of Vanderbilt, spent Christmas here.

The Christmas tree and the cantata were very nice, and were all held at the opera house.

Mr. Fitzgerald and family are visiting at Pittsburg, Pa.

Litaker & Yates have sold their house, and will put their delivering out.

Mrs. W. Coomer and children are at Bay City.

Rev. Sheldon, of Grayling, spent several days at the Dr's last week.

Rev. Bell is taking his vacation at Montreal, Ont.

George Harrington is the happy father of twin babies, a boy and a girl. All are doing nicely.

Mrs. C. F. Kelley and daughter Myrtle, are basking in the sunshine of Whittier, Cal., while we poor mortals are freezing.

THE SECRET OF SUCCESS.

Forty million bottles of August Flower sold in the United States alone since its introduction! And the demand for it is still growing. Isn't that a fine showing of success? Don't it prove that August Flower has had unflinching success in the cure of indigestion and dyspepsia, the two greatest enemies of health and happiness? Does it not afford the best evidence that August Flower is a sure specific for all stomach and intestinal disorders? That it has proved itself the best of all liver regulators? August Flower has a matchless record of over thirty-five years in curing the ailing millions of these distressing complaints, a success that is becoming wider in its scope every day, at home and abroad, as the fame of August Flower spreads. Trial bottles, 25c; regular size, 75c. For sale by L. Fournier.

PAINTLESS DENTISTRY.

When a Chinaman wants to have a tooth drawn he turns to a "paintless dentist" for the reason that he knows his dentist will not inflict any. The latter simply rubs a secret powder over the aching tooth. After about five minutes the patient swoons and the tooth falls out. Many attempts have been made by Americans to get some of this mysterious powder, but no one has yet succeeded.

TIME IS MONEY.

A man once berated his Hebrew debtor for not having included him among his professed creditors. "But I make you a 'special creditor,'" was the answer. "A special creditor? What's that?" "A special creditor does, when friend, knows how that he gets nothing. The professed, he won't know that for three years. Time is money—ain't it?"—Everybody's Magazine.

DEMANDS COMMON-SENSE SHIRTS.

The Prague municipal council has prohibited the trailing of dresses in public squares, places and streets, under penalty of a heavy fine.

Biggest Oysters.

The biggest edible oysters in the world are found in Australia. They measure sometimes more than a foot across the shell.

Nubian Goats Are Best.

A French expert maintains that the best goats are to be found in Nubia.

NOTICE.

All persons indebted to me, please call at my residence, and settle their accounts.

E. H. SORENSON.

Probate Notice.

Appointment of Special Guardian.

STATE OF MICHIGAN.

The Probate Court for the County of Crawford.

At a session of said court held at the Probate Office in the village of Grayling, in said county, on the 29th day of December A. D. 1914.

Present, Hon. Edward E. Turner, Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the estate of Louis H. Reese, Insane.

Unius W. Clifford having filed in said court a petition praying that Leora A. Reese, and some other suitable person be appointed Guardian of said Louis H. Reese and his estate.

It is ordered that the 23d day of January A. D. 1915, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate Office be and is hereby appointed for hearing said petition. It is also ordered that this order be published for three successive weeks in the Crawford Avalanche, a paper published and circulating in said county.

It is further ordered that notice thereof be given by personal service of a copy of this order on Leora A. Reese and Michael Reese at least 10 days previous to said day of hearing.

EDWARD E. TURNER, Judge of Probate.

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For my services. All work is figured on a "fair-pay" basis. Will be glad to come and see you at any time and can take up work on the shortest possible notice unless busy on another case. I respectfully await your pleasure.

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FARM GARDEN

It is all right to pray for "daily bread," but one has to do some hustling to get both bread and butter.

We are given the injunction to "not lay up treasures upon the earth," but the alfalfa and clover growers are laying up treasures in the earth and it is not unscriptural, either.

The owner of a gasoline engine is hoping that the oil magnate will not give away any more millions at present, as he is paying about all he can afford for gasoline now.

The man who will willingly plow up the roads to secure his plow ought to be made acquainted with the mysteries of a grand jury. Keep the plow greased and escape the desire to violate the law.

After mature deliberation it is now thought best to house all farm machinery. It is better to have them become antiquated rather than rust out long before their days of usefulness are at an end.

In catching pigs for any purpose it will be well to catch them by the hind legs or by the ears, and they will not squeal, and they are also easily handled in this manner. A squealing pig sometimes brings the head of the house upon the scene in full uniform and fully equipped for war.

The best farmers in the world, the Danes, practically use no commercial fertilizers, but they rely almost wholly on stable manure. Professor Kennedy tells us how they save and apply it. They keep the solid manure in one vat and the liquid in another, the latter of which is drawn off by building the clensers high above the place where it is to be drawn off. Every particle of the liquid manure is saved and applied to the land. The sewage of creameries and bacon factories is also saved for fertilizing purposes and applied to the land. We may not be compelled to do this, but there is a lesson here for us.

The feeding of oil to milk cows at the Hatch Experiment Station produced rather interesting results. The oil had a tendency to increase the amount of butter fat in milk, but after a short time the per cent of butter fat fell to about the usual amount. When the feeding of the oil was discontinued the per cent of fat fell off, showing that the cows had come to depend on the oil as upon a stimulant, and it would be some time before the normal proportion of butter fat would return. The principal conclusion was that the only profitable way to increase the amount of butter fat in milk is from good food and good care, but the natural per cent of each cow could not be changed to any great extent.

Almost every farmer knows that the closer grain is sown, the greater the proportion of the straw to the grain, the only exceptions being when conditions are such that the straw is very short, while grain is large and plump. This may depend in part upon the season, but in some cases is due to there being but little nitrogen in the fertilizer to stimulate growth of straw and plenty of phosphoric acid to increase size of grain. The Main Experiment Station has ascertained another point by growing one acre and eight stalks of grain in pots of the same size, using oats and spring wheat. They found that the grain where there were five stalks in a pot contained 80.4 per cent nitrogen and 8.42 per cent as much nutritive value as those where one stalk grew alone, while where eight plants were in the pot, there was only 70.1 per cent nitrogen and 7.61 per cent nutritive value as compared with the single stalk.

Reducing the Loss of Eggs. One of the causes of loss in piz raising is the number of deaths at farrowing time due largely to the lack of some important element in the make-up of the mother which probably could have been controlled by the feeding. Experiments have shown that hood meat is one of the most important feeds for both mother and young, but it must be given intelligently or it is likely to prove of little use. Of course, it is understood that the main loss of the pigs comes through the scours and this is controlled by feeding the mother blood meal.

Then, too, the care of the young pig has much to do with its progress, particularly during the first week of its life, and if there is anything that it needs more than another at this time it is a dry, warm and clean bed. The importance of this can not be overestimated, and if one will give this point the attention it demands he will see a radical difference in the health of the progeny.

Feeding Cows. As growers become familiar with cowpeas there seems to be considerable difference of opinion as to how to best advantage. It has been generally believed that the chief value of the cowpeas was in plowing them under in order to give to the soil the nitrogen absorbed by the plant in the process of growing; there is no doubt but what this plan is a safe one on most poor soils, but many who have practiced it have become so enamored of cowpeas that they dislike to abandon the crop even when they have brought their crop up so that the cowpeas are not really needed.

Many such growers have found success in continuing the raising of cowpeas, but plowing under only the roots and feeding the vines and grain to stock and using the manure on the fields. Such men claim that they get nearly as much nitrogen in the ground by plowing under the roots and that

COMMERCIAL FINANCIAL

Chicago.

The weekly review of Chicago trade, published by H. G. Dun & Co., says:

Business conditions exhibit steady progress toward greater activity. Snowstorms early in the week interfered with traffic, but this had slight effect and was quickly overcome, especially in holiday merchandising, since within the last few days having attained unusually large proportions. Other agencies exhibit increased distribution, and in some lines extra effort in production is necessary to meet growing demands.

Larger deliveries appear in grain, and railroad earnings reflect further gain in operations. Bank clearings maintain a high average, money is in more extended use, and mercantile settlements remain satisfactory, while commercial defaults again make favorable comparison with those of a year ago.

Current buying is most active in heavy wear goods, boots and shoes and Christmas novelties. Late requests indicate that there has been gratifying reduction of both country and city retail stocks, and it is probable of present buying that discounting of bills is of frequent recurrence. Western advices generally report favorable prospects for the jobbing interests, factories being steadily employed, and the farming classes able to spend freely for their needs.

Broaderest's closed under revised demand, although export buying was very moderate. Wheat advanced 1 cent a bushel, but corn declined 1 1/2 cents. Provisions were in lessened foreign need, and values suffered a slight decline. Live stock were in ample supply, and reached the highest average values this season.

Bank clearings, \$200,055,034, are 12.8 per cent over those of same week last year. Failures reported in the Chicago district numbered 20, against 25 last week and 31 a year ago.

Bradstreet's report on the general condition of the country is as follows: Crop and industrial conditions are mainly favorable, and with reasonable activity in retail and holiday distribution in most sections the year is drawing to its close with a decidedly cheerful tone in most lines of business. Cold weather has stimulated heavy dry goods, clothing and footwear and helped foster business with jobbers. Railway earnings for November show gains in gross exceeding 10 per cent, following an increase of 4 per cent in 1903, and rendering certain the prospect that the early small decrease shown in gross receipts for the calendar year will be turned into an increase.

Business failures in the United States for the week ending Dec. 25 number 239, against 231 last week, 239 in the like week in 1903, 225 in 1902, 202 in 1901, and 202 in 1900. In Canada failures for the week number 27, against 23 last week and 22 in this week a year ago.

THE MARKETS

Chicago—Cattle, common to prime, \$3.00 to \$5.00; hogs, shipping grades, \$4.00 to \$4.75; sheep, fair to choice, \$3.00 to \$4.75; wheat, No. 2, \$1.13 to \$1.16; corn, No. 2, \$1.13 to \$1.14; oats, No. 2, \$1.13 to \$1.14; rye, No. 2, \$1.13 to \$1.14; barley, No. 2, \$1.13 to \$1.14; clover, No. 2, \$1.13 to \$1.14; timothy, \$1.13 to \$1.14; alfalfa, \$1.13 to \$1.14; butter, choice creamery, \$2.00 to \$2.10; eggs, fresh, 18c to 20c; potatoes, 25c to 30c.

Indianapolis—Cattle, shipping, \$3.00 to \$4.00; hogs, choice light, \$4.00 to \$4.75; sheep, common to prime, \$2.50 to \$3.50; wheat, No. 2, \$1.13 to \$1.14; corn, No. 2, \$1.13 to \$1.14; oats, No. 2, \$1.13 to \$1.14; rye, No. 2, \$1.13 to \$1.14; barley, No. 2, \$1.13 to \$1.14; clover, No. 2, \$1.13 to \$1.14; timothy, \$1.13 to \$1.14; alfalfa, \$1.13 to \$1.14; butter, choice creamery, \$2.00 to \$2.10; eggs, fresh, 18c to 20c; potatoes, 25c to 30c.

St. Louis—Cattle, \$4.50 to \$5.50; hogs, \$4.00 to \$4.75; sheep, \$3.00 to \$4.75; wheat, No. 2, \$1.13 to \$1.14; corn, No. 2, \$1.13 to \$1.14; oats, No. 2, \$1.13 to \$1.14; rye, No. 2, \$1.13 to \$1.14; barley, No. 2, \$1.13 to \$1.14; clover, No. 2, \$1.13 to \$1.14; timothy, \$1.13 to \$1.14; alfalfa, \$1.13 to \$1.14; butter, choice creamery, \$2.00 to \$2.10; eggs, fresh, 18c to 20c; potatoes, 25c to 30c.

Detroit—Cattle, \$3.50 to \$4.50; hogs, \$4.00 to \$4.75; sheep, \$3.00 to \$4.75; wheat, No. 2, \$1.13 to \$1.14; corn, No. 2, \$1.13 to \$1.14; oats, No. 2, \$1.13 to \$1.14; rye, No. 2, \$1.13 to \$1.14; barley, No. 2, \$1.13 to \$1.14; clover, No. 2, \$1.13 to \$1.14; timothy, \$1.13 to \$1.14; alfalfa, \$1.13 to \$1.14; butter, choice creamery, \$2.00 to \$2.10; eggs, fresh, 18c to 20c; potatoes, 25c to 30c.

Milwaukee—Wheat, No. 2 northern, \$1.05 to \$1.08; corn, No. 2, \$1.13 to \$1.14; oats, No. 2, \$1.13 to \$1.14; rye, No. 2, \$1.13 to \$1.14; barley, No. 2, \$1.13 to \$1.14; clover, No. 2, \$1.13 to \$1.14; timothy, \$1.13 to \$1.14; alfalfa, \$1.13 to \$1.14; butter, choice creamery, \$2.00 to \$2.10; eggs, fresh, 18c to 20c; potatoes, 25c to 30c.

New York—Cattle, \$3.50 to \$4.50; hogs, \$4.00 to \$4.75; sheep, \$3.00 to \$4.75; wheat, No. 2, \$1.13 to \$1.14; corn, No. 2, \$1.13 to \$1.14; oats, No. 2, \$1.13 to \$1.14; rye, No. 2, \$1.13 to \$1.14; barley, No. 2, \$1.13 to \$1.14; clover, No. 2, \$1.13 to \$1.14; timothy, \$1.13 to \$1.14; alfalfa, \$1.13 to \$1.14; butter, choice creamery, \$2.00 to \$2.10; eggs, fresh, 18c to 20c; potatoes, 25c to 30c.

Notes of Current Events. Mrs. J. O. Hunt, widow of the late John O. Hunt, has been elected president of the Boscobel Female College in Nashville, Tenn.

The report of the Wisconsin Railroad Commission for the year which ended June 30, shows a decrease in gross earnings of \$1,835,000.

WAS AWAKENED WHEN YOU WERE

Chicago. Please Which Requires No Alarm Clock to Be Set.

We hear it frequently asserted that if persons will improve the thought faculty upon their minds and continue thinking about it until they have fallen asleep that they desire to awake at a certain hour in the morning, they will do it without fail, says a writer in the St. Louis Globe-Democrat. But how many people have tried this method of insuring a prompt awakening at a given hour in the morning only to find their rest throughout the night disturbed and uneasy?

The brain will usually respond to the will and awaken one in the morning near the desired hour under any circumstances, but to prevent the broken, uneasy sleep the adoption of only a very simple device is necessary. The last thing before getting into bed, take a watch or clock and turn the hands to the hour at which one wishes to rise and gaze at this just long enough to fix the hour firmly on the retentive memory. Then, if no other absorbing thoughts intervene between that and the moment one is locked in slumber, the night's rest will be easy and unbroken and promptly at the hour in the morning, as a rule, one will find one's self released from sleep and wide awake.

There is no need to keep thinking of the hour continually for a number of minutes, no need to repeat it over and over in the mind, all that makes the brain uneasy and results in the disturbed slumber. Simply look at the watch or clock, as I have indicated, and the influence of the mind over matter will be clearly demonstrated in the morning. Try it some night and observe how smoothly this psychological fact works.

Nettie Tells How Baby Came. There's no use of your talking, for mamma told me so. And if there's any one that does my mamma ought to know. For she has been to Europe, and seen the Pope of Rome.

Though she says that was before I came to live with her at home. You see, we had no baby, unless you call me one. And I have grown so big you know, I would have to be in fun.

When I went to see grandma, about two weeks ago. And now we're one, a little one, that squirms and wriggles so. And mamma says an angel came down from heaven above, And brought this baby to her, for she did me to love.

And his got the emmalog of feet, as little as can be. And smiling eyes, and curly hair, and hands you scarce can see. And then it never cries a bit, like some had babies do.

And he says I look like me—I don't think so, do you? For I'm a girl, and it's a boy, and boys I can't endure. Unless they're babies like our own, they'll plague and tease you sure.

But you say the angel didn't come, now just tell me why. The Bible says there's angels in heaven, and that's the sky. And Christ loves little babies, and God makes everything.

And if the angel didn't who did our baby bring? You can't tell, no I guess you can't, but mamma ought to know. For it's her baby, her's and our's, and mamma told me so.

And they don't make any cunning things like him on earth, you see. For no wax doll, with real hair, is half so nice as he. I know an angel brought him, and I think one brought me, too. Though I don't just now remember, and so can't tell, can you?

But mamma knows, and this I know, the baby wasn't home. When I went away, and now he is; if you want to see him, come.

For mamma says if I am good I can kiss him every day. And we'll kiss him now, and then go out and have a nice long play. And if anybody asks you how babies come and go, tell them it's the angels, for mamma told me so.

Willowware Industry. In ten years Maryland has jumped from fifth to third place in the willowware industry of the United States, ranking now next to New York and Pennsylvania. Baltimore is one of the three willowware centers which only have shown any actual growth in the business. In Maryland the center of the willow district lies in Howard County. In the neighborhood of Elkridge alone the output of willow exceeds \$5,000 per annum, while Anne Arundel County contributes \$2,500.

Found at Last. Hendley, Ark., Dec. 25.—(Special.)—That a sure cure for Backache would be a precious boon to the people, and especially the women of America, is admitted by all interested in medical matters, and Mrs. S. Williams of this place is certain she has found in Dodd's Kidney Pills the long-sought-for cure.

"I am 38 years old," Mrs. Williams says, "and have suffered with the Backache very much for five or four years. I have been treated by good physicians and got no relief, but thanks to God, I have found a cure at last and it is Dodd's Kidney Pills. I have taken only one box and it has done me more good than all the doctors in three or four years. I want all sufferers from Backache to know that they can get Dodd's Kidney Pills and get well."

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BLACK HAWK WAR SURVIVOR

He Is Now in His 90th Year and Resides in an Illinois Town.

William B. Lee, of Shawnee, Ill., claims the distinction of being the sole survivor of the Black Hawk Indian war of 1832. With the difficulty which Iowa is experiencing to find traces of its Mexican war survivors, it is hardly probable that any survivor of the Indian war fourteen years earlier will be found in this State. Mr. Lee is now in his 90th year.

The story of his life shows many hardships, but the pioneers on the frontier a half or three-quarters of a century ago were inured to hardships. Mr. Lee was brought west from New York when he was 3 years old. The party made his way on two mules and a halibut constructed of logs. The emigrants took all of their live stock with them in their passage down the Alleghany and Ohio rivers, landing at Shawneetown, from there going to Saco, and finally to Vandalla, at that time only a small village. At this place Lee grew to youth, a unhooded under the hard lessons of frontier life, assisting his father in his grain treadmill and in sawing lumber.

The story of his participation in the Black Hawk war and subsequent life is told by a correspondent thus: "When the Sac and Fox, or, as it was known, the Black Hawk, war broke out in 1832, William B. Lee was only 10 years of age, but he possessed courage equal to the hardy training he had received in his Illinois life. After the close of the war he made three successful trips to New Orleans by boat, which in those days was considered a feat of unusual importance, each time taking large loads of grain. In 1850 he succumbed to the California gold fever, making an overland trip to that part of the country. This trip was followed by two others. On each of the trips large numbers of cattle were taken along as an investment. The party was attacked by Indians on the first trip, but was successful in defeating the red men. On the second journey the party lost all their live stock. The third trip was thoroughly successful. Returning to his farm in Illinois, Mr. Lee has remained there in active charge until within the last few years, when he turned the active management over to other hands. None of his children is living."

The Black Hawk war was closely associated with the early history of Iowa. It was near Fort Madison that Black Hawk's followers rendezvoused to take up the war trail and to cross the Mississippi; it was across the river from the very northeastern point of Iowa that the massacre, hardly to be dignified by the name of battle, of Bad Axe occurred and ended the short-lived war. It was to Iowa that Black Hawk and the few survivors returned when the war was ended. The Black Hawk war figures more prominently in Illinois history than in that of Iowa, but it is an important chapter in the annals of this State.—Des Moines Register and Leader.

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How I Suffered with Itching and Bleeding Eruptions—Until Cured by Cuticura. "No tongue can tell how I suffered for five years with a terribly painful, itching, and bleeding eruption, my body and face being covered with sores. Never in my life did I experience such awful suffering, and I longed for death, which I felt was near. I had tried doctors, and medicines, without success, but my mother insisted that I try Cuticura. I felt better after the first bath with Cuticura Soap and one application of Cuticura Ointment, and was soon entirely well. Any person having doubt about this wonderful cure may write to me. (Signed) Mrs. Alice Elton, Holliston, Mich."

Theater-Going Under Difficulties. Patron—I see you have a notice outside, saying that tickets bought of speculators on the street will be refused at the door. Theater Ticket Seller—Yes, sir; that is our rule. Patron—Well, I'll take a ticket for to-night, parquette. "Very sorry, sir, but all the tickets have been bought up by speculators."

There is more catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and the last few years has witnessed a terrible epidemic of it. For a great many years doctors have pronounced it a local disease, and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local remedies, have pronounced it a constitutional disease, and therefore require constitutional treatment. Dr. J. C. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People is the only medicinal cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for literature and testimonials. Address: J. C. Williams & Co., 200 N. 2nd St., Toledo, O.

Signed by Druggists. The Family Pills are the best. The three pills used by pawnbrokers are the symbol of St. Nicholas. There is a legend to the effect that the saint once offered three purses of gold to three women to enable them to marry. The purses of these three were small bags, which when tied at the top to keep in the coins somewhat resembled pills.

Smoking and Ear Troubles. Smokers who have auditory trouble are warned by a French physician that tobacco should be used by them with great moderation, as it aggravates ear diseases.

You are not expected to know values of funeral goods, but if you know that the National Casket Co. make "The Best," you should ask the Undertaker to furnish that kind.

Dragging. First Little Boy—My sister wears a No. 2 shoe. Second Little Boy—Poon! That's nothing. Mine wears a No. 6.

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There are many trusts in this country, but the poor man is expected to come up with the cash just the same.

A New Jersey woman thinks she is entitled to two pensions because she is the widow of one soldier and the grand widow of another.



Miss Rose Peterson, Secretary of the Parkdale Tennis Club, Chicago, from experience advises all young girls who have pains and sickness peculiar to their sex, to use Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

How many beautiful young girls develop into worn, listless and hopeless women, simply because sufficient attention has not been paid to their physical development. No woman is exempt from physical weakness and periodic pain, and young girls just budding into womanhood should be carefully guided physically as well as morally.

If you know of any young lady who is sick, and needs motherly advice, ask her to write to Mrs. Pinkham at Lynn, Mass., who will give her advice free, from a source of knowledge which is unequalled in the country. Do not hesitate about stating details which one may not like to talk about, and which are essential for a full understanding of the case.

Miss Hannah E. Mershon, Collingswood, N. J., says:

"I thought I would write and tell you that, by following your kind advice, I feel like a new person. I was always thin and delicate, and so weak that I could hardly do anything. Menstruation was irregular. I tried a bottle of your Vegetable Compound and began to feel better right away. I continued its use, and am now well and strong, and menstruate regularly. I cannot say enough for what your medicine did for me."

How Mrs. Pinkham Helped Fannie Kump.

"Dear Mrs. PINKHAM:—I feel it is my duty to write and tell you of the benefit I have derived from your advice and the use of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. The pains in my back and womb have all left me, and my menstrual trouble is corrected. I am very thankful for the good advice you gave me, and I shall recommend your medicine to all who suffer from female weakness."—Miss FANNIE KUMPE, 1922 Chester St., Little Rock, Ark. (Dec. 16, 1903).

Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound will cure any woman in the land who suffers from womb troubles, inflammation of the ovaries, kidney troubles, nervous excitability, nervous prostration, and all forms of woman's special ills.

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"There it goes again," said the trolley conductor as he rang the bell to let off a passenger who had only ridden for a square.

"You'd be astonished," continued the trolley conductor, "to know how many people try to beat the trolley for a free ride when they want to make a call a square or two away from home."

"They hop on the car, wait till it has started and then want to know if the car doesn't go to some place which they know it doesn't come within a mile of. In this way they get their ride for nothing and go on their way in the belief that they have fooled the conductor."—Philadelphia Press.

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